



Dear Pastor and church family,

What a blessed day in the life of our nation and in the service of the Lord!

I am pleased to greet you by way of supporters of mine who are worshipping in congregations across the state of West Virginia. I am honored that you have accepted my supporters with warm and open arms.

As we worship this Sunday, I know you will agree with me that this is a critical time in our nation's history. Too many of our families are without proper health care. Too many children do not have the education they need and deserve. And too often we ignore the plight of ordinary Americans in the service of special interests and partisan politics. These aren't just policy problems in search of a ten-point plan. They are moral problems, rooted in society's indifference and individual callousness – in the imperfections of man.

People of faith understand this like few others, and that's why my Christian faith is so important to me. It tells me that my conscience should not rest if my brother or sister is in need. And it tells me that, in the face of a cynical political system, there is hope for change, and for a brighter future.

Because if there is one thing I've learned from my time as a community organizer on the Southside of Chicago all the way to my work in the United States Senate today, it's that ordinary people, with the grace of an awesome God, can do extraordinary things. That's why I'm running for president: to prove the cynics wrong and to work, with millions of Americans, to usher in a new era in our great country.

The West Virginia Democratic primary is Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. While I seek the support of all West Virginians, I would encourage everyone, and especially people of faith, to vote, regardless of who you vote for. I believe it is a moral imperative for people of all faiths to engage the world around them, and hold our elected officials accountable for the policies they advocate and the values they share.

Friends, thank you for the good work that you do every day to live out God's love in our nation and our world. I'm honored that you would accept this greeting and I look forward to continued fellowship in the days, months and years to come.

With love and kindness,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be 'Barack Obama', written in a cursive style.

Barack Obama  
United States Senator